

Georgetown City Council
Special Meeting
February 7, 2011
6:00 pm

The special called meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everett Varney with all members present. After a moment of silence Councilman Prather led the pledge.

1. **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Penn, and seconded by Councilman Prather to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 council meeting. **Motion unanimously approved.**

2. **Acknowledgement of Receipt of Bills:**

Mayor Varney requested council acknowledged receipt of bills. **Council acknowledged receipt of bills.**

Councilman Singer requested a chart of accounts be provided to council members. Betty Pendergrass said she would make that available.

3. **Public Concerns:**

A.) Curtis Tinker representing Harmony Christian Church asked for council approval for a 5K run to benefit campus outreach. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson and seconded by Councilman McEuen. **Motion unanimously approved.**

B.) Bill Couch president of Georgetown College and Todd Gambill V.P of Student Life announced the approval by the Board of Trustees to build new dormitories on Dudley Street.

4. **Mayors Comments:**

A.) An Economic Summit is being planned for the near future and the city would like to include organizations and associations throughout the city.

B.) The Business Park Board has been inactive for one year. The Mayor will be contacting the members of that board so that they can begin making plans for the future of the Business Park.

C.) Betty Pendergrass gave a summary of the Connectivity meeting held Friday February 4, 2011. Representatives of City and County departments were in attendance and IT issues were discussed. Scott Kenley IT specialist for the city will be researching the needs of each department and upgrade items will be investigated to be included in the budget.

- D.) The Mayor is starting an Employee Task Force. The employees serving on this task force will have input on various issues concerning employees of the city
- E.) The Georgetown / Scott County Regional Airport was awarded the Southern Regional Airport of the year award. To honor the airport and its board the City and the County issued a joint Proclamation that February 14, 2011 will be “**We Love our Airport Day**”. A motion was made by Councilman McEuen and seconded by Councilman Prather. The motion was unanimously approved.
- F.) The Highway Department has scheduled a public meeting on March 10, 2011 at Western Elementary from 5pm-7pm to gather information about possible noise abatement measures in Canewood and Derby Estates.
- G.) The Mayor received a letter from Time Warner Cable regarding agreements with stations and the renewal or extension of contracts.

5. **Retreat Executive Summary:**

Betty Pendergrass explained the packet which council members received summarizing the Saturday session the council and directors attended on January 29, 2011. She briefly went over the goals and possible action steps that were discussed and explained how these would relate to the budgeting process. Betty will have the packet posted on the City's website

6. **EMA Center Update:**

Jack Donovan gave an overview of the city's Emergency Operations Center.

7. **Police:**

Chief Reeves is drafting an alarm ordinance and a wrecker ordinance. Both of these would generate revenue. Chief Reeves and Sheriff Hampton are working on a drug task force. The Mayor feels this is a very important task force and is glad the two offices are coordinating to work together.

8. **Finance:**

- A.) Pendergrass presented the financial summary which shows a comparison to previous years. The excess deficiency of revenues over expenditures was deficient in January and is now positive in the month of February. She compared which months our major revenues were collected and those are January and April when occupation license fees are collected.

Councilman Singer asked about the increase in revenues from year to year and Pendergrass explained that the insurance premium tax had increased and that depending on when those are paid the pattern may change. Councilman Lusby questioned the fluctuation in net profit. Pendergrass stated that businesses are still struggling and not hiring.

- B.) Security Card Services representative Mike Wilson gave a brief overview of what accepting credit cards would cost the city. He also explained convenience fees which would either be absorbed by the city or passed on to the customer. Pendergrass would need the council's approval on how they want to handle the convenience fee and if they would like her to move forward with collecting information on accepting credit cards. A motion was made by Councilman Singer to move forward to accept credit cards and to also pass on the convenience fee to the customer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Prather. **The motion was unanimously approved with David Lusby abstaining.**

C.) Overview of Telephone and Internet Upgrade:

Pendergrass would like to upgrade the city's telephone and internet services. She believes that the city can save about half of what they are currently spending. Pendergrass asked for approval from council to request proposals. A motion was made by Councilman Lusby and seconded by Councilwoman Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

D.) Insurance Premium Tax:

The city is required to make any changes to the Insurance Premium Tax before March 23, 2011. Currently the ordinance has a sunset date that will take the percentage from 7 percent to 5 percent on June 30, 2011. Pendergrass asked how council would like the ordinance to be written should they decide to change it. Council discussed positives and negatives. Pendergrass suggested setting \$750,000.00 of these funds aside for capital expenditures. Council decided to continue 7 percent for one year. Council also agreed on putting the \$750,000.00 aside for capital expenditures with flexibility to move those funds if needed. Councilman Thompson will sponsor the ordinance.

9. Fire Department Personnel:

Bryan Sageser has been interim chief of the Georgetown Fire Department for three years. He is requesting he be transitioned to his previous position as Assistant Fire Chief if the funding for that position is approved. Council discussed the positives and negatives of funding the position. All were in agreement that Sageser has done an outstanding job as acting Chief. A motion was made by Councilman Penn and seconded by Councilman McEuen. Roll Call Vote. Lusby-yes; Singer- no; Skinner-no; Tackett no; Thompson- yes; Prather-yes; Penn- yes; McEuen- yes. **Motion approved 5-3.**

10. **Building Inspection-HVAC Standards Implementation & KRS Fee Structure:**

Jim Burgess gave an overview of HVAC Standards Implementation. The state is now requiring builders to have a permit for HVAC systems. Georgetown/ Scott County performs this inspection locally instead of having a state inspection done.

11. **Engineering:**

A.) Storm Water Inter-local Agreement:

Eric Larson City Engineer presented an Inter local Agreement between Georgetown and Scott County to be approved by the council. The agreement is for the assignment of Georgetown Storm water Quality Division tasks and responsibilities between the Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission and the City of Georgetown. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson and seconded by Councilman Prather. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

B.) Bradshaw:

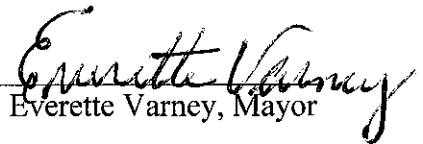
Larson explained the wetlands built at the Bradshaw property and is requesting a contingency plan for the wetland mitigation. The US Army Corp. of Engineers (USACE) has requested our plan be submitted by February 28, 2011. The project has several deficiencies and Larson recommends paying the In Lieu Fee of \$36,792.00 to the Kentucky Wetland Bank. Any construction done would be subject to five years of monitoring and the potential for more remediation and future costs. By paying the fee the city will get final approval from USACE and closure of the current permit. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson and seconded by Councilwoman Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

12. **Herbie Curbie Purchases:**

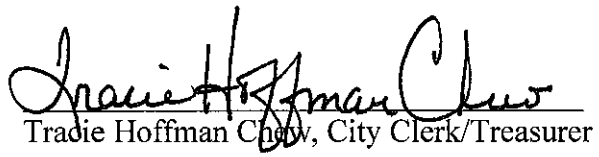
Terry Thomas Director of Public works requested council approval for the purchase of 498 Herbie Curbies from Municipal Equipment. These are all for new residents or new homes. A motion was made by Councilman Prather and seconded by Councilwomen Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Councilman McEuen and seconded by Councilman Penn to adjourn the meeting. **Motion unanimously approved.**

APPROVED BY:


Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Traeie Hoffman Chew, City Clerk/Treasurer